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In re Application of:)	
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability dated November 1, 2007, the Examiner provided reasons for allowance of the claims. It should be noted, however, that the reasons noted by the Examiner are not explicitly recited in each of the independent claims. For example, none of the independent claims explicitly recites that shift registers are supplied at another long side of the substrate.

The Statement further states that "Takizawa is ineligible for use as prior art in an obviousness rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103. See MPEP § 2146". It should be noted, however, that the Japanese patent application on which Takizawa claims priority published as Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2000-127400 on May 9, 2000, and would qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Thus, the Japanese publication would qualify as prior art in an obviousness rejection. Nevertheless, the teachings of Takizawa, whether taken individually or in combination with any other citation of record, are neither believed to anticipate nor render obvious the combination of features recited in the independent claims, as discussed with the Examiner on a telephone conversation on November 27, 2007. It was also agreed during the telephone conversation that the Examiner would consider JP 2000-127400. Accordingly, a copy of that document as well as a Form PTO-1449 listing such are enclosed herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that the document has been considered. Any fees necessitated by this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. Favorable consideration is requested.

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